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Easter brunch munch

A bandana-sporting baby goat enjoys dried grass offered by 21-month-old Kenzie Chiu at the petting zoo set up as part of Easter in Kensington on Sunday. The event, hosted by Kensington Village, saw more than 400 children join an Easter egg hunt at stores. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Calgary schools get less funding

EDUCATION

Edmonton boards get more cash per student

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Parents say they're struggling to understand why Calgary's school boards receive less overall funding from the province on a per-student basis, than their peers in Edmonton and most others in the province.

It's long been understood that funding follows the students in Alberta's primary education sector, meaning organizations are funded based on the number of learners they're responsible for.

But when additional funding for "differential factors" is added in, the Calgary Board of Education's $8,844 per student ranked 56th out of 63 boards in the province and the Calgary Catholic School District's $8,776 ranked 60th.

Those number are based on 2015-16 funding projections for each board versus the number of students they're anticipated to have.

Calgary's funding levels were far lower than the tiny boards at the top of the list, including Northland School Division ($16,916) and the Northwest Francophone Education Region ($15,699), as well others in Fort McMurray (where the public board receives $12,174 per student), Grande Prairie ($10,099), and Medicine Hat ($10,026).

Deanna Bradley, a Calgary mom who helped collect the data, said she can appreciate costs may differ in some of the province's more remote areas, but what she can't wrap her head around is why Edmonton's public board would receive $522 per head more than the CBE.

"I can't understand the difference," she said, noting that if Calgary's board were funded on par, it would receive an additional $55 million annually. "With Edmonton, transportation, special needs (students), English-language learners — all of that would be pretty much the same."

The gap in funding is even larger between the two metro Catholic boards, with Edmonton's receiving an additional $727 per student.

For the province's explanation and more reaction, see page 5.

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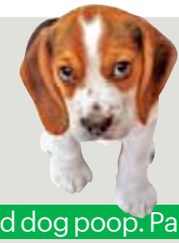

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Car2go 'open' to bike racks

TRANSPORTATION

Company says demand not yet high enough in Calgary

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

One month after car2go added bike racks to half its fleet in Portland, Ore., the chain's Calgary manager says he's "open" to the idea here, but would need to see a lot of demand from local car-share customers before implementing it.

Jon Wycoco said car2go has received "a handful" of requests from Calgary members who would like to see bike racks on the tiny vehicles, but so far the demand is not enough to warrant something similar to what the company did with its fleet in the famously bicycle-friendly city in the Pacific Northwest.

Portland is the only city where car2go currently offers bike racks.

It decided to add racks to half its fleet of 500 vehicles after a survey of members there found 68 per cent bike at least once per week and 37 per cent cycle five to seven times a week.

Sean Carter, owner of BikeBike in Calgary, wasn't sure if there would be enough demand locally, but said he definitely would make use of bike racks, if they were added.

Portland, Ore., is currently the only city where car2go offers bike racks, after installing them on 250 vehicles in March. CONTRIBUTED

> **It just seems like a good way to extend the range of that service.**
> Sean Carter, owner of BikeBike, on adding bike racks to car2go vehicles

"I don't have a car, so car2go is useful within its range, but when you run up against that wall of that range, you're kind of stuck," he said, referring to the limited "home area" where users can end a car2go session and excludes the peripheries of the city, particularly the deep south.

"The way I would use it would be to put my bike on the car2go, drive the car2go to the end of the range and then ride the rest of the way from there," Carter said.

Shane Dixon, a regular car2go user in Calgary, said he could see other uses for bike racks.

"Say I bike downtown to meet up with a friend," he said. "The racks would be handy if I decided to get groceries after and car2go home."

Wycoco said "we are open to the possibility" of bike racks on Calgary car2go vehicles, but the company has no immediate plans to add them.

CALGARY'S HOME ZONE

Calgary's current car2go fleet includes 550 vehicles. Its "home zone" stretches to McKnight and John Laurie Boulevards in the north, 53 Street in the west (with an extra portion jutting out to include Bowness), Glenmore Trail in the south (with an extra portion to include Lakeview), and Blackfoot and Deerfoot Trails in the east.

NICHOLAS LUSH

Police nab two in missing man case

RCMP have arrested two men believed to be involved in the disappearance of Nicholas Lush, who went missing March 29 after leaving a party near Springbank.

An assault witnessed by a motorist on Highway 1 and the Hermitage overpass that same morning has now been connected with Lush's disappearance, according to police.

Police said they believe Lush was assaulted by two men in their early 20s who were arrested Sunday in Cranbrook, B.C.

The men were found driving a grey 2008 Dodge Charger, and police said charges are pending.

Lush's wife, Denise, posted on her Facebook wall March 30 that Nicholas had not come home from a party he went to that weekend. She said she heard Nicholas had gotten into a fight, and was last seen leaving the party on foot at around 1 a.m. near Calaway Park.

The couple has three young children, and Denise has put out pleas on social media for any information regarding her husband's whereabouts.

While the two men arrested are currently being held by the RCMP in Airdrie, police said they remain hopeful Lush will be found alive.

Lush is described as a white man, five-foot-two, 140 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair. He was last seen wearing a Sons of Anarchy T-shirt, green camouflage jacket, blue jeans, and black running shoes. METRO

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HOUSE BLAZE

Okotoks RCMP secure scene of fire

Police in Okotoks believe a fire that destroyed a home early Sunday morning might have been deliberately set.

The blaze was spotted around 4 a.m. by officers on patrol in the Municipal District of Foothills.

The house, located at 16022 402 Avenue East (about two kilometres south of Okotoks), was "fully involved" by the fire, according to police, and no one was found at the scene.

"The initial investigation shows evidence that the fire may have been deliberately set," police said in a release, adding they are securing the property until at least Monday for fire investigators to look more closely at the site.

Anyone with information about the fire is asked to call the Okotoks RCMP at 403-995-6400 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

METRO

What's left of the residence after a suspected arson. DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

GUNFIRE

Three in custody after shots fired

Police took three men into custody and seized two guns after shots rang out early Sunday morning in Hawkwood.

No injuries were reported from the gunfire, which police said happened around 4:40 a.m. near the 400 block of Hawkstone Drive NW.

Officers found shell casings at the scene and, with the help of a police dog, located three suspects who were taken into custody.

Police also found and seized two firearms.

They are still trying to determine the motive.

Anyone with information is asked to call Calgary police 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

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CPS are searching for a C8 patrol rifle stolen from an off-duty CPS officer's private vehicle Saturday night. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

Police officer's rifle stolen from vehicle

FIREARM THEFT

Missing gun was in case along with ammunition

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Police Service has suspended an officer after his service rifle, along with dozens of rounds of ammunition, was stolen from his parked car while he was off duty.

He was believed to be at a restaurant in the city's northwest on Saturday night.

The officer was taking the firearm home to clean it, according to police, who noted the weapon was locked inside a hard carrying case, which also contained two magazines, each containing 28 rounds of ammunition.

"There is no reason for an officer to take a firearm like that to their residence," Supt. Kevan Stuart said Sunday.

"We do not want officers taking their firearms home. There is nothing good that can come of that."

> **"It's a semi-automatic rifle. If in the wrong hands ..."**
>
> Supt. Kevan Stuart

The officer — a third-year member out of District 3 — is currently suspended without pay.

If the investigation reveals a breach of the criminal code, Stuart said, the officer's career "is in huge jeopardy."

Stuart said his larger concern is locating the firearm, which was stolen out of the officer's Subaru late Saturday night.

On his way home, police said the officer stopped at what they believe to be a restaurant in the 0-100 block of Crowfoot Terrace NW, where the weapon was subsequently stolen.

Stuart said having no idea where the firearm is makes him "sick to his stomach."

"It's a semi-automatic rifle," he added. "If in the wrong hands ..."

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EDUCATION

P3 school funding model cost $1.5M: NDP

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The NDP is charging that the government's use of the P3 model to build schools has cost Alberta taxpayers $1.5 million.

Party MLA Deron Bilous released documents Sunday that showed the P3 process, used to seek tenders for 19 schools, cost the government nearly $1.5 million. And after the initial tender led to only one bid, the government abandoned the process.

"We have been advising the government not look to a P3 model. It has been tried in other jurisdictions and failed miserably," Bilous said Sunday.

The big costs for preparing the P3 tenders were $350,000 for financial advisory services, $133,000 for transaction advice and a $750,000 honorarium paid to the lone bidder.

The name of the company that received the $750,000 honorarium is unknown at this time.

Bilous said it's clear the government wasn't thinking about kids or taxpayers when it pushed for the P3 model to build schools.

"It's quite aggravating, because at the end of the day, parents need schools and classrooms for their kids to learn in," he said.

Dave Prisco, a spokesman for Infrastructure Minister Manmeet Bhullar, said the honorarium is not unusual in cases like this.

"This is a standard industry practice across Canada," he said.

Prisco said that through the bid process the government took ownership of the company's school designs, so the $750,000 was money well spent.

The 19 schools were part of the group originally announced by former premier Alison Redford and are set to open in 2016 and 2017.

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Calgary artist Kyle Beal pops out of what he refers to as "the blank hallway." Titled Roulette, Beal's interactive spin on a fun house is being hosted at TRUCK Contemporary Art until May 2. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

Apartment hunt sparks art fun house

CULTURE

Calgary artist hopes 'doorway roulette' piece engages public

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

In his biggest art installation to date, Calgary artist Kyle Beal has built his own version of a fun house — a long, white hallway dominated by closed doors, each with something different hidden behind it.

Hosted at TRUCK Contemporary Art, Beal's "doorway roulette" is meant to be fun in terms of how different audiences can interact with the piece, but he said the idea for the installation came from a rather dismal experience looking for a new apartment.

"I was looking at apartments, and all the hallways in those buildings are so … depressing," Beal said with a laugh. "But that's what makes this familiar to people; most of us have experienced that. So perhaps people can take away a new perspective on these kinds of experiences in the real world."

With different sounds and surprises hidden behind each door in his engineered hallway, Beal said he was able to combine his interest in comedic tropes while engaging audiences in a more interactive way.

"It's meant to be experienced as opposed to just looked at," Beal said. "Even standing looking at art is a bit uncomfortable, but does it have to be like that? This is different, and there's a willingness of the viewer to be open to that sort of fun."

Scooby-Doo hallways, eyes moving in the walls and loud sounds make Beal's piece seem comedic, but he said he hopes audiences will critically engage with ideas revolving around disorientation and escapism.

"There's comedic conventions at play with this sort of suspension of logic," he said. "But you have (to) be humorous to be serious. It's taking that idea and coming from the place of how we experience things."

Province defends model for funding school boards

EDUCATION

Trustee says that growing boards will be hit the hardest

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Provincial officials are defending their model for funding school boards, claiming it provides additional support for vulnerable student groups and specialized programming.

The model also takes into consideration "significant cost differences that are beyond the control of school jurisdictions," according to an emailed response from Alberta Education.

This comes as parents are questioning how some school districts can receive nearly double the amount of dollars per student and why even seemingly similar boards in Calgary and Edmonton can see significant differences in funding.

"Parents have choice, and student demographics vary even in large urban boards, so having equal funding does not mean equitable funding," the province said. "A similar argument can be made for metro boards."

A review of the 2015-16 funding allotments for the Calgary Board of Education and Edmonton Public Schools reveals the latter district provides a great deal more funding for ECS programs ($32.4 million to $11.5 million).

Edmonton also receives more money for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students ($8.8 million to about $4.9 million).

Still, parents can't help but wonder how the province picks and chooses where it allocates additional dollars. Even between Calgary's two major school boards, there is a $43-per-student difference in funding for English-language learners. But Alberta Education said those learners are funded differently at each grade level.

One additional difference appears to be the Small Schools By Necessity Grant that once was but is no longer provided to urban boards.

Deanna Bradley said she has one child with special needs and another who is gifted. She questioned whether school boards actually put additional provincial grants towards aiding vulnerable student groups.

"Or does it just go into the general revenue pot and there's no accountability for that money?" she asked.

The Calgary Board of Education declined a request for an interview about this story, stating it needed time to further analyze this year's budget.

But Linda Wellman, trustee chair for the Calgary Catholic School District, said her board has long argued that urban schools have far more diversity and complexity among their student bodies. Despite this, she said the metro boards only receive 45 per cent of provincial education revenue but care for 47 per cent of Alberta students.

The fear now, Wellman said, is the gap will grow as urban boards — and some rural ones — continue to see surging student numbers but no money will be provided to boost instructor counts in 2015-16 and some vulnerable student funding grants will see reductions.

"When the government had decided that they needed to make cuts because of our current economic climate, I had hoped that they would do it as equitably as they give out the money," she said. "Had they done that, I don't think we would be as punitively impacted."

The province, meanwhile, said its funding framework is considered a "living model" and changes have been made over the years to provide more money for inclusive education, to address class sizes and to drop ELL funding support from seven years to five.

Deanna Bradley with her son Connor in their west-end home. Bradley is among a group of parents raising questions about how the province allocates education dollars.
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

TOP AND BOTTOM

Five best funded boards (per student)
Northland: $16,916
Northwest Francophone: $15,699
Prairie Land: $13,635
Fort Vermillion: $12,953
East Central Francophone: $12,635

Five worst funded boards (per student)
Pembina Hills: $7,709
Rocky View: $8,513
Christ the Redeemer Catholic: $8,763
Calgary Catholic: $8,776
Evergreen Catholic: $8,777

FIGURES

Metro, parents analyze funding

- The funding calculations done by Metro and the parents are based on the projected school-board budgets for 2015-16 that were included in the release of the provincial budget last month. The figures are subject to change if the estimated number of students in a given board proves to be off.
- The calculations used in this story relied on the total funding provided to each board, excluding that provided for transportation. Those funds can only be used to assist with shuttling students around, and it was felt excluding them would give a more accurate representation of the actual dollars available for teaching.
- In an effort to be thorough, the same calculations were done with the transportation funding included, and the board ranking changed very little. (Including the transportation figures actually worsened the situation for the Calgary boards).
- The calculations also only assigned each kindergarten student a 0.5 weighting, as the province does not currently fund full-day instruction for those learners.
- It doesn't appear the funding levels for 2015-16 are an anomaly either, as calculations done for half of Alberta's 63 school boards for the 2014-15 year yielded similar results.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

To see the per-student funding for all 63 Alberta school boards, head to metronews.ca

Police investigate school laptop theft

CRIME

40-60 units lost from James Short school

Darren Krause
Metro | Calgary

Police have few clues after between 40 and 60 laptops were stolen from a southeast Calgary elementary school over the weekend.

According to Det. Steve Adair, the call came in around 4:30 a.m. Sunday after a school security patrol noticed an unsecured door at the James Short Memorial School in the 6300 block of 5 Avenue SE.

Upon further inspection, police located a break-in tool inside. They believe it was used to enter the building. Det. Adair said the security system at the school may have been inoperative, and police weren't sure if they would be able to access any closed-circuit video.

Few other details were available and the Calgary Board of Education hadn't confirmed if there were issues with the school's security system.

A spokeswoman said the board had little to say as the matter was under police investigation; however, they noted the data on the laptops was secure.

"We can confirm that the data on these devices is encrypted and therefore secure," Jennifer Thompson wrote via e-mail.

Police are hoping for the public's help. Anyone with information is asked to call 403-266-1234.

Police were called to James Short Memorial School Sunday after laptops were stolen from the school. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

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Coal mine 'flash fire' sends 3 to hospital

Three workers were rushed to hospital in southeastern British Columbia after being injured in what Teck described as a "flash fire" at its coal mine near Elkford, B.C. on Sunday morning.

The fire broke out in the dryer complex of Teck's Greenhills Operation at approximately 11 a.m., according to a statement from the company, and the cause was not immediately known.

Two of the injured were taken to hospital in Sparwood and one to hospital in Fernie, according to a spokesperson for B.C. Interior Health.

Two of the patients were male and one was female, according to a spokesperson for B.C. Ambulance, who said they suffered second and third-degree burns.

One of the male patients, a 53-year-old who was in serious but stable condition, was transported from Sparwood to Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary by STARS Air Ambulance, said spokesman Cam Heke.

The company described the injuries to all three employees as non-life-threatening.

"The fire was quickly extinguished," Teck said in its statement. "All employees, visitors and contractors at site have been accounted for."

The same mine was temporarily shut down in 2010 after an explosion in the coal dryer caused extensive damage and led to four employees suffering from smoke inhalation.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

A truck hauls a load at Teck Resources Coal Mountain operation near Sparwood, B.C. HANDOUT

IN BRIEF

Demonstrators call for answers at rally for Anthony Heffernan, killed by police

On Saturday, about 100 people gathered at the Calgary Courts Centre before marching to city hall, calling for justice for Anthony Heffernan, a 27-year-old man who was shot and killed by police in a northeast motel room on March 16.

Shot three times in the head and once in the chest, police said they were faced with a "high-risk situation" when officers entered Anthony's Super 8 Motel room by force, but family members feel Anthony posed no threat to the responding officers.

They say Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) investigators told them Heffernan was carrying a "small syringe" at the time of his death and was uncooperative with police.

Howard Burns, president of the Calgary Police Association said any type of syringe or needle can present a risk, as they can potentially carry infectious disease or be filled with a deadly substance.

METRO

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

CALGARY'S BEST STREET

4th Street

We asked, you answered. Like an oasis in the city, 4th Street's small-town feel makes it the city's best.

Opening up like a main street in a small town, 4th Street SW is bursting with flowers in the summer and alive with people careening around corners or relaxing on a patio with a coffee in hand.

David Stark rides down the street on a tandem bike with his son Daniel every day — sometimes twice. He moved further south after living in the Mission area for years, but says something always draws him back.

"We're kind of like salmon in that way," he said, laughing. "There's this idea that we're all connected here, and everything I need is here — the best restaurants in the city, the best coffee in the city. What's not to love?"

Phoebe Fung, owner of the Vin Room, said she fell in love with the street from the moment she set up shop six years ago.

"The truth is that it's a community," she said. "It's a little oasis away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Calgary."

Fung recalls the aftermath of the June 2013 floods, saying that it pulled the community even closer together.

As people were kept from their businesses and homes, they leaned on one another to share information, clean up debris and even acted as pseudo-cafeterias for families while they waited to get back into their homes.

The street is also home to Calgary's first street festival of the summer season: the Lilac Festival. Every May, the street fills up with over 100,000 Calgarians listening to music, trying some new food or having a pint in the sun.

"It kicks off the whole 'downtown vibe' for the summer and everyone is always so excited," said Juliet Burgess, volunteer coordinator of the Lilac Festival.

"It feels like a small town; all the business owners know one another and it's just such a welcoming community that comes together so easily."

EAT FAT CITY FRANKS

Taking the hotdog stand to a whole new level, this mom-and-pop style diner has just about every topping imaginable for your Bratwurst. From the classic Coney Island Dog, to the all-day breakfast dog, to the Mediterranean Dog with hummus and artichoke hearts, it's been a fan favourite in Mission for years.

JAVA PURPLE PERK

For its organic Rainforest Alliance certified coffee and a constant barrage of people floating in and out, The Purple Perk Coffee Market is a neighbourhood hit. David Stark describes it as "the best coffee in the city," and stops in pretty much every day for a caffeinated pick-me-up.

SHOP COCO + VIOLET

For a boutique shopping experience with hand-picked designer labels, Coco + Violet is a go-to spot on 4th Street. Owner Helen Nguyen said she caters to all her clients much like a personal shopper — she even orders items in specifically for her regulars. "We're very customizable," she said. "I pick through and curate for Calgarians specifically."

DRINK VIN ROOM

With over 100 wines to choose from and a rooftop patio that overlooks the busy street, Mission's Vin Room is the ideal summer escape. They even take the most indecisive of us under their wing, offering samples of wine before you land on the glass (or bottle, no judgment here) you want.

GOOGLE MAPS

ART SOCIETY

The 4th Street BRZ funds an art installation of sculptures to fill up the Mission area

QUICK FACT

Did you know?

A get-to-know-you session with 4th Street

1 Lilac Festival
Named after the lilacs in bloom every May, Calgary's first street festival of the year began 25 years ago as a block party put on by the community association. The festival kicks off this year on May 31.

2 Bonjour
Set in the historic Mission district of Calgary, 4th Street was originally settled by Roman Catholic missionaries as a French community. By 1875 it became the French-speaking village of Rouleauville, but was annexed by Calgary in 1907.

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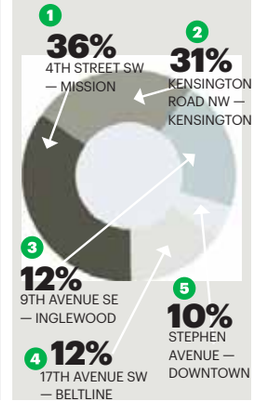

Dad, son wage citizenship battle

POLITICS

Rule changes make one boy Canadian, but not the other

Paul Compton has done exactly what the federal government recommended to get his son recognized as a Canadian citizen, but his problems have yet to be solved.

For the past five years the Ontario native has been corresponding with public servants, appealing to politicians and even relocated his family in a bid to rectify what he views as an unjust and precarious situation. Now, he's demanding action.

"They've been able to take away the rights of citizenship to my son," Compton said. "I will not allow the Canadian government to do this."

The 45-year-old and his family have found themselves ensnared in a set of regulatory changes made to the Citizenship Act in 2009, which limits the ability to pass on Canadian citizenship to only the first generation of a family born abroad.

At the root of their problems is the fact that Compton was born in Scotland, where his parents were living while in university. He was brought to Canada when he was five months old and lived in the country until his early 30s.

A teacher by profession, Compton then got a job at an international school and moved to Lima, where he met his Peruvian wife.

His first son was born in Peru and automatically became a Canadian citizen.

His second son, however, was born just months after the new rules came into effect. The change meant that five-year-old Mateo is not a Canadian, even though his older brother is.

The new rules were part of legislation which solved the problems of thousands whose citizenship had been taken away by outdated legal provisions.

At the same time, however, the government said they were protecting the value of Canadian statehood by ensuring citizenship couldn't be passed on from generation to generation of those living outside Canada.

Compton didn't even find out about the new rules until he tried to apply for a Canadian passport for his son in 2010 and was denied.

> **This could happen to any Canadian.**
> Paul Compton

After trying to deal with the matter from Peru, Compton returned to Ontario with his family in February last year.

He and his older son entered the country as Canadians, but Mateo, for whom he had to obtain a Peruvian passport, and Compton's wife came in on visitor visas.

Once in the country, Compton applied for permanent residency for his son and his wife — an avenue the federal government recommended to gain citizenship for those affected by the new regulations — but after more than a year, the application is still being processed.

Compton is now asking that Mateo immediately be granted Canadian citizenship on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, and is also asking that his wife's application for permanent residency be expedited.

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Mateo Compton, 5, left, sits with his father Paul, brother Stephanoe, 8, and mother Paola Moscoso Castillo de Compton at their home in Ontario on Saturday. Mateo, born in Peru, was denied Canadian citizenship following changes in the Citizenship Act in 2009; his brother, born before the changes were enacted, received his citizenship at birth. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian's arrest, torture topic of CIA debate: Ex-spy

Whistleblower says colleagues were sure Maher Arar was innocent

A former spy has described the debate within the CIA over the arrest, rendition and torture of Canadian Maher Arar, saying multiple colleagues warned against it because they were convinced they were punishing an innocent man.

The account from former CIA officer John Kiriakou sheds new light on decade-old events that caused a public inquiry in Canada, a $10-million payout from the federal government, and unsuccessful lawsuits in the U.S.

It's a rare peek into discussions within the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency — whose role in the 2002-03 events has never been publicly examined, having remained off-limits in Canada's inquiry.

It came during an interview at the former spy's Virginia home, where he described how he went from being the head of counter-terrorism operations in Pakistan after 9/11, to becoming the first CIA employee to publicly question the use of torture, to eventually spending two years in jail for leaking agency secrets.

During that interview, Kiriakou declined to discuss whether he had interacted with Canada's spy services — because, he said, revealing details about a foreign partner remains a cardinal sin in the world of espionage.

But he added: "We can talk about Maher Arar."

Kiriakou expressed disgust with his country's role in sending the engineer to be tortured in his native Syria, and with its continuing failure to issue an apology like Canada has.

He described a dynamic within the agency in which one mid-to-high-level officer ignored repeated objections from her subordinates, and insisted on pushing ahead.

"I can tell you that a lot of people inside the CIA objected to this," Kiriakou said.

"(They said), 'This is the wrong guy. He hasn't done anything.'"

Arar was grabbed during a New York airport layover and flown to a notorious Syrian prison.

He has described a year-long ordeal that included being beaten and stuffed into a body-sized slot in a windowless dungeon. Arar likened it to being buried alive.

At the time, Kiriakou was a branch chief within the CIA's Counterterrorism Center.

While he won't discuss the branch name, he says it fell under the broader Osama bin Laden unit and the Arar file was being handled by another branch within the centre.

He says an officer, one level above branch chief, was determined to make the arrest.

"I remember hearing some of the conversations — that, 'This is the wrong guy, this is a mistake.' And then one officer in particular (was) saying, 'No, this is not the wrong guy. We're going to take him.'

"She was certain that we had the right guy. That Maher Arar was an al-Qaida whatever-he-was — a facilitator, or whatever — and we were moving forward with it."

He wouldn't identify the officer.

Kiriakou referred only vaguely to her general status within the agency. He also made a fleeting reference to a Hollywood hit: "As you may have seen in the movie Zero Dark Thirty, there were certain people inside the CIA who insisted on pushing forward."

He refused to say whether she was the officer who inspired that movie's main character — who was named in some media reports, and was linked in the Senate's torture study to the wrongful rendition of another innocent man, Khaled el-Masri.

The CIA declined to comment for this story. So did Arar, although his U.S. lawyer says it's about time these details emerged.

"Nothing has ever come out here about the CIA involvement," said Maria LaHood. "He's never received an apology from the United States ... His name continues to be smeared. As far as we know, he's still on a watch list."

Another advocate for Arar said the same is true for Canada.

Canadians who passed on information to the CIA continued law-enforcement careers and got promotions, said Kerry Pither, who wrote a book about the rendition of Arar and three other Canadians. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maher Arar listens to a question at a news conference in Ottawa on Dec. 12, 2006. Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian, was detained in New York in September 2002 and shipped overseas — winding up in a dungeon-like Damascus prison cell. TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **It's not too late for accountability here. It would be nice, at least, to do some naming and shaming.**
> Maria LaHood, Maher Arar's U.S. lawyer

CIA

Jailed for leaks

Kiriakou just spent two years in prison for leaking agent details to the media — though he insists the government punished him for blowing the whistle on torture.

CSIS

Forum created on 'terrorist travel'

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service has set up a "multilateral forum of trusted partners" to share information on suspected extremists travelling abroad — a group that extends beyond its customary Five Eyes spy network, a newly released memo says.

In the memo — CSIS Response: Addressing the Terrorist Travel Threat — Canada's spy agency also flags a concern about the challenges it faces in going further to build relationships with "non-traditional partners."

The September CSIS memo evokes the kind of information-sharing that led to the overseas torture of four Arab-Canadians following the 9/11 attacks, said Alex Neve, secretary general of Amnesty International Canada.

"The very term 'terrorist travel' is uncertain and loaded," Neve said. "Who, exactly, would be covered?"

The memo was drafted before a jihadi-inspired gunman fatally shot a soldier at the National War Memorial and stormed Parliament Hill last October. Those events prompted introduction of sweeping new security legislation to crack down on homegrown extremists, including those intent on heading abroad to join foreign battles. The government brought in a bill to give CSIS more latitude to obtain a court-ordered warrant authorizing security investigations in other countries. CSIS fears extremists who head to Syria or Iraq may return to wage attacks.

The traveller phenomenon is a "priority collection" requirement for the spy service, the memo says.

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A full page of proposals "Under Development or Consideration" was withheld from release.

CSIS and Canada's Five Eyes partners — the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand — routinely share intelligence on the terrorist travel phenomenon and specific individuals of interest, the memo says.

"In addition to Five-Eyes cooperation, Canada engages in regular intelligence sharing on this issue via a multilateral forum of trusted partners initiated by CSIS to address this issue."

CSIS had no immediate answers to questions about the forum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MISSING AND MURDERED

Manitobans dragging Red River for bodies of women

A group of volunteers plan to dredge the Red River again this year, hoping to find anything that will bring closure to the families of missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Bernadette Smith, whose sister Claudette Osborne went missing seven years ago, spearheaded the search last year after the body of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine was found in the river wrapped in a bag.

Volunteers went out on boats with hooks that combed the bottom of the river that flows through Winnipeg, hoping to dig up clues about women who have vanished.

This year, Smith said the operation is more sophisticated. The dragging bars are better made and Smith has bought a boat out of her own pocket.

But the intent is the same — to get answers for the loved ones of those who have gone missing or been murdered. Last year, Smith said, seven bodies were pulled from the water.

"That's the highest ever in a year: four while we were dragging," Smith said.

Relatives of these missing women often feel helpless, Smith said. When her sister went missing, Smith said a busload of volunteers gathered to search for her because police didn't seem to be doing enough. Years later, Smith is still searching for answers. Getting out on the river gives many a sense of purpose and community, she said.

It shows that the lives of the estimated 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal women have meaning.

For Kyle Kematch, like so many of the searchers, the work is personal. His sister, Amber Guiboche, went missing without a trace in 2010. Kematch quit his job last year to devote all his time to dragging the river.

Every time his hooks hit a snag, Kematch's heart leaps into his throat.

"I pray that I don't find her in there," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLICE

Group urges police to participate

The group wants Winnipeg police to do more than just monitor the volunteers from a boat and actually join in the search. So far, police have declined, saying only that they will support the group "from a safety standpoint."

Gunman in Kenyan attack was official's son

EXTREMISM

Chief reported him missing, feared he'd gone to Somalia

One of the gunmen who slaughtered 148 people at a college in Kenya was identified Sunday as the law-school-educated son of a Kenyan government official, underscoring the inroads Islamic extremists have made in recruiting young people to carry out attacks against their own country.

Abdirahim Mohammed Abdullahi, who was killed by security forces Thursday along with the three other militants who stormed Garissa University College, was the son of a government chief in Mandera County, which borders Somalia, Interior Ministry spokesman Mwenda Njoka said.

The chief had reported his son missing last year and feared he had gone to Somalia, Njoka said.

Somalia's al-Shabab militant group claimed responsibility for the bloodbath, saying it was retribution for Kenya's sending of troops to Somalia to fight the extremists.

The attackers separated Christian students from Muslim ones and massacred the Christians.

The news that one of the gunmen was Kenyan highlights the challenges faced by the government in preventing terrorist attacks. The danger comes not only from neighbouring Somalia but also from within Kenya.

Kenyans make up the largest number of foreign fighters in al-Shabab, according to experts. Hundreds of Kenyan youths have trained with al-Shabab and then returned to Kenya, posing a major security threat, according to former police chief Mathew Iteere.

Kenya's government has said another source of instability is the country's refugee camps, with more than 423,000 Somali refugees.

Abdullahi graduated from the University of Nairobi with a law degree in 2013 and was seen as a "brilliant upcoming lawyer," according to Njoka.

Njoka said it is important for parents to inform authorities if their children disappear or seem to be embracing extremism.

Meanwhile, questions have been raised about the security response to the Garissa attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christian women and children are scanned with a metal detector to prevent against possible attacks as they enter the compound of the Our Lady of Consolation Church, which was attacked with grenades by militants almost three years ago, in Garissa, Kenya Sunday. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANCHESTER, U.K.

Two teenagers face terrorism charges

British police say a teenage boy and girl have been arrested on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts.

Greater Manchester Police said Sunday a 14-year-old boy and 16-year-old girl have been arrested following two separate police raids that took place Thursday and Friday.

Police say they had warrants for both searches.

The two teens have not been named and both have been freed on bail until a May 28 court hearing.

The number of terrorism-related arrests in Britain has surged in recent months as an increasing number of Britons try to travel to Syria to link up with ISIS extremists there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

California governor defends drought order

Gov. Jerry Brown on Sunday defended his order requiring Californians statewide to cut back on their water use in a historic mandate that spares those who consume the most — farmers. As California endures a fourth year of drought, Brown's order this week requires towns and cities statewide to draw down water use by 25 per cent compared with 2013 levels. While past reductions were voluntary, Brown said he is using his emergency powers to make the cuts mandatory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yemeni Sunni Islamist party says over 120 members abducted by Shiite rebels

Yemeni Shiite rebels, making an aggressive bid for power in the impoverished Gulf state, arrested more than a hundred members from a rival Islamist Sunni political party, including two leaders, the party said in a statement Sunday. The Islah party, the Muslim Brotherhood's branch in Yemen and a traditional power player in Yemen, had declared its support for the Saudi-led coalition bombing campaign against the rebels and their allies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

DNA doggy-do tests nail owners who don't scoop

Frustrated with dog owners who refuse to clean up after their pets, an increasing number of apartments in Seattle are opting to use DNA testing to identify the culprits. The Seattle Times reports that a company called BioPet Vet Lab from Knoxville, Tenn., is providing its PooPrints testing kits to 26 apartment and condo complexes and homeowners associations in the region. Since February 2014, tenants have been paying a "one-time fee of $29.95 US for DNA testing." Tenants allow their pet's DNA to be collected through swabs so it can be matched to offending poop when the poop is left behind. BioPet says in the past five years, the DNA test has been used in nearly 1,000 places around the U.S., and it's especially popular in large cities.

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Marijuana trimmers eye careers in pot industry

Washington's marijuana business has created a legal occupation that offers career opportunities for bud trimmers. Bud trimmers make $12 to $15 US an hour trimming leaves and other things from marijuana buds. Most work on up to a pound and a half of marijuana per day. Experienced workers can move up to positions as gardeners or concentrate makers, and earn $50,000 to $90,000 a year. Before the legalization of marijuana, bud trimmers migrated from job to job and were paid in cash and risked arrest. Now, they typically make an hourly wage.

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A man leaves Uber headquarters in San Francisco in a December 2014 photo. The tactics some Canadian cities have been using against Uber have prompted the company to try to be more collaborative with local officials. ERIC RISBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Uber hopes for peace

TRANSPORTATION

To grow here, ride-sharing firm must mend fences

The strong-arm tactics that some Canadian cities have been using against virtual ride-hailing company Uber have prompted the organization to try to mend fences with local officials even as it maintains hope for further expansion.

Municipal governments across Canada have launched everything from political salvos to court injunctions against the San Francisco-based tech giant in a bid to keep Uber's fleet of both licensed and unlicensed vehicles off city streets.

While Toronto Mayor John Tory has publicly defended Uber, saying such companies are here to stay, a recent blitz by a lone city police officer saw 11 charges laid against UberX drivers in a single weekend.

Uber's opponents have succeeded occasionally. While the company maintains a presence in Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax, it was forced to shut up shop after brief efforts in Vancouver and Calgary.

Uber says there's an effort afoot to cool tensions with the cities it serves before it pursues new locations.

"Uber wants to be everywhere and we are constantly evaluating new opportunities," said Jeff Weshler, Uber Canada's general manager for regional expansion.

Uber has faced varying levels of resistance in nearly every Canadian city where it has operated, even as it has won plaudits for its innovative business model.

Municipal officials from Vancouver to Halifax have accused the company of operating illegally at best and endangering the lives of passengers at worst.

Chris MacDonald, professor of Business Ethics at Ryerson University, said there's no doubt the model has caught on in the 300 cities worldwide where Uber currently operates.

Uber has set itself apart from its many competitors as a leader in this field, he said, adding the company is clearly filling a genuine need in the market.

But its practice of antagonizing governments by flouting regulations does not mean the company is blazing a trail to future prosperity, he said.

"They're going to need, in the long run, to keep a pretty broad range of stakeholders happy," he said. "Eventually they've got to kind of make peace."

Weshler says the bans and criticisms that have dogged the company are par for the course for an organization that's trying to revamp a long-established system, adding Uber has no plans to shy away from its opponents. Weshler said he hopes Uber's relationships with Canadian cities take a more collaborative turn, saying that negotiation is the best way to achieve mutual goals.

"Ultimately we're all committed to the same vision of a safe and reliable way for people to get around."

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Ramsay community faces pressures, opportunities

KLASZUS' CALGARY

Jeremy Klaszus

For many years, the southeast community of Ramsay has faced myriad pressures on all sides.

However, the gritty, artsy, underdog neighbourhood may yet become an example of how a seemingly threatening change — in its case, the new transit Green Line — can solve other local problems, ultimately improving the community.

First, some background: Residents on the east side of Ramsay contend with the much-loathed Lilydale chicken plant, which has long afflicted the area with stink, noise and even chicken parts (seriously!).

On the west side, residents contend with traffic jams, parking headaches and drunken buffoonery during the Stampede and other events — including Flames games — held on the grounds.

Meanwhile, connectivity to neighbouring areas and amenities is poor. To the south, walking to the nearby Crossroads Market is unpleasant, even dangerous. To the north, the CP train tracks more or less cut Ramsay off from Inglewood.

"Other neighbourhoods are surrounded by things, but Ramsay's *really* surrounded," says Sam Hester, a Ramsay-based artist and mother of two who has lived in the neighbourhood for a decade.

She sees opportunity in Ramsay's latest conundrum — and it's a big conundrum with no easy solution.

The Green Line, which will eventually take LRT into the deep southeast, has been derailed from its original planned route along the CP train tracks, because the city may not be able to get the land from CP.

Two alternate options proposed by the city involve on-street bus-only lanes that would eventually be converted into LRT. A third option is an elevated LRT track.

All options, including the original route, involve pretty serious property impact.

The original route puts heritage buildings at risk. The on-street options, meanwhile, would displace small businesses and arts space along 11 Street SE.

No matter which option is chosen, Ramsay faces tough losses.

"I have mixed feelings," says Hester. "Personally, I feel that cities have to change and grow all the time. But you don't want to lose things needlessly or pointlessly."

So how might this conundrum ultimately be a good thing? For one, Hester notes, the LRT could finally push out the poultry plant. All four options presented by the city identify Lilydale as an impacted property.

As well, 11 Street could be transformed into a people-friendly main street, rather than the soulless, thundering thoroughfare it is today. "It's a dangerous street to try to cross at any time," says Hester. "If a few things were changed, it could have main street potential for sure."

Finally, the on-street options identify a possible additional transit stop in Ramsay, which would better connect the neighbourhood to Crossroads Market, Inglewood and beyond.

These are just possibilities, not certainties. What's certain is that Ramsay residents care fiercely about their community's future.

"It might be that people are concerned, but at least there's engagement," says Hester. "If people are involved, that will make the best outcome you can get."

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Preschool Mastermind: You can't buy your way into a creative community

There is something both appealing and repulsive about a new preschool in New York.

It's so New Age, so millennial: the (possibly world's first) preschool for adults.

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You know, like we used to. Before we grew up.

Maybe this preschool is the "worst, saddest thing," and "makes you lose faith in humanity," as one friend told me.

My gut reaction was to call the preschool an extreme example of my generation's petulant refusal to grow the hell up. Why else would people pay hundreds of dollars to go to Miss Joni's Brooklyn house and pretend like the last 25 years never happened?

But I actually agree with at least one thing that some of those adult preschoolers have told media: The world can seem a rather oppressively serious place.

Creativity is often valued for its products, not for itself. I can't be the only one who feels like productivity is the sole sign of a good day. And that's sad.

At Miss Joni's, you "inject play, wonder, self-belief, and community" into your "grown-up" life, the website says.

"People come here and get in touch with their inner child. It's magical," Miss Joni has told media.

I get the need for more magic. It reminds me of the old margarine commercial with the Young at Heart song, which even as a child, I understood to be true. No one is too old to fingerpaint.

But paying someone with half a degree in early childhood education to take you back to preschool is surely one of the most self-indulgent, narcissistic ways to seek magic in the world.

You can't buy your way into a creative community, as this class pretends. You have to seek it with other people, in your actual life.

And if cultivating that child-like view is what you're after, the answer isn't to try and regress to your own childhood. The answer is to go spend some time with actual children. Our cities are full of kids' charities that could no doubt use the help.

Isolating yourself in that farce of preschool is actually an affront to the magic that waits for you every morning. Go out in the world. Because you can't go back in time.

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The best dollar-store gadgets

Just because you're tight on cash doesn't mean you can't afford some great gadgets. Your local dollar store has a tech section, believe it or not, and you'll be pleasantly surprised at what you can buy with loose change. The following are a few bargains found at Dollarama, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar and 99¢ Depot.

Marc Saltzman FOR METRO CANADA

BRIGHT IDEA

Folding Booklight

Tablets benefit from a backlit screen, but this isn't the case with most ebook readers and, of course, paper books. Don't bother your partner in bed with a night-table lamp when you can pick up the Circuit Electronics LED Folding Booklight for just $1. Clamp the reading light onto your ebook reader or book, press the open button along the side and a retractable arm, with bright LED light, slowly extends to its full height. Three small watch batteries are required, but included.

PURSE PALS

Rechargeable Audio Speaker

It's rewarding enough to find a $2 speaker for your favourite music player, smartphone or tablet — but the aptly named Hype Audio Rechargeable Compact Speaker cleverly doubles as a small mirror to apply makeup. While not wireless, it includes a custom two-foot cable that plugs into the music source (via a 3.5-millimetre mini jack), plus it has an integrated USB connector to power up the rechargeable speaker.

SOUND ADVICE

Stereo Earbuds

Commuters don't need to spend upwards of $300 on a pair of Bose- or Beats-branded earbuds. Instead, the Electra Stereo Earbuds with Microphone, for a mere $2.50, sound better than you might think — plus they block out ambient noise. Along with a microphone on the cable for taking calls — and a three-button remote for volume, pausing and skipping between tracks — the cord of these stereo earbuds has a "flat-wire" style, which looks nicer and doesn't knot up as easily.

REMOTE POSSIBILITIES

4-in-1 Remote

Look down at your coffee table. If you have more remotes than family members, you have a problem. Clear the clutter on the cheap with the $2 RCA 4-in-1 Remote, which lets you control up to four home theatre components — such as a television, cable box, DVD player, and more. The wireless remote is easy to program and offers backlit buttons, volume and media control (e.g. Play, Pause, Forward and Back).

POWER PLAY

USB Car Socket Charger

Keep multiple devices juiced up in your vehicle with the Tech-1 Universal USB Car Socket Charger ($3). As the name suggests, this power socket plugs into your car's 12-volt port (a.k.a. cigarette lighter) and not only charges up three devices at the same time — two 12V gadgets and one USB-based one — but it's also on a two-foot extension cord.

IN BRIEF

George RR Martin releases chapter from new book

Yes, George RR Martin really is working on that next book. The Game of Thrones author released a chapter last week from his long-awaited sixth volume of the Song of Fire and Ice fantasy series, The Winds of Winter. The chapter appears on Martin's website and is told from the perspective of Sansa Stark, living under the name Alayne Stone. She is played on the HBO adaptation by Sophie Turner (pictured).

Martin has already cut back on personal appearances and decided against writing for the sixth season so he can concentrate on The Winds of Winter.

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A scene best enjoyed at home

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Repeat after me: Too sexy for his shirt? Too sexy for public transit

Ellen Vanstone

Dear Ellen,
This morning's subway commute was standing-room only. A guy near me was sitting next to a child and watching something very fleshy on his iPad. I am sure it wasn't porn, maybe Game of Thrones or Looking. I know people like to binge watch, but is the subway the place to catch up on shows like these?
Amber in Toronto

Dear Amber,

Judging by your first name — a major porn-star moniker since the '80s and still the fourth most popular according to the Interactive Adult Film Database — I'm going to assume you know whereof you speak when it comes to what constitutes onscreen erotica. In fact, if I may be so presumptuous, the idea of an old porn star watching new porn stars over the shoulder of porn-consuming commuters is downright charming — the kind of flagrantly tawdry spectacle that makes your city truly world-class, if not classy.

But is such inadvertently shared content suitable for children? No, Amber, it is unequivocally not. If we want our kids to learn the ins and outs of sexual practices in all their anatomical, permissive permutations, surely the little wretches can get it at school — in Ontario, for example, Premier Kathleen Wynne's new sex education curriculum will provide no end of fodder for their developing imaginations. They hardly need more of this content on the way to or from their tax-funded sex lessons in the classroom.

What's more, there's the question of overload. With sex scenes, public nudity and crass innuendo shoved down our throats at every turn, it's increasingly hard to make the real thing alluringly mysterious — not to mention dirty, which is an essential component of a satisfying sex life according to experts (well, according to Woody Allen who stipulated that sex is only dirty "if you're doing it right," though perhaps he's not the ideal role model to quote in this context).

The point is, nobody, of any age, needs to be subjected to "fleshy fare" on our transit systems.

Finally, I hope we don't need to add that indulging on public transit in the activity that usually accompanies porn-watching would breach every rule of etiquette known to personkind.

Seeing Game Of Thrones hunk Michiel Huisman stripping off was a highlight of last season.
CONTRIBUTED

PREMIERE

• Game of Thrones returns to HBO Canada on Sunday, April 12, at 9 p.m. ET.

Need advice? Email Ellen at life@metronews.ca

Stick to your guns when saving

MONEY MATTERS

Make a plan and let everyone know that you won't waver

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
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You might want to think twice before you pick up the cheque. ISTOCK

One of the things I'm most proud of when it comes to my TV shows is the fact that folks are more comfortable talking about their money. While I've always been open about money — my money and money in general — other people have been really resistant to sharing their financial stories. That's changed. The brave families I've worked with on TV have helped people see that talking about money is one of the first steps to making change stick.

But we're still not open books. Perhaps it's because we think our money, and the stuff we buy with it, says something about who we are. We're happy to play the guessing game that comes with wearing brand names and living large so people are convinced we're doing great. If we all wore flashing signs on our backs declaring our debt, would we still be so smug showing off our new and shiny?

Determined to change how you deal with your money? Step 1 is to lay a plan for what you'll do differently. Step 2 is way harder: Time to 'fess up to friends and family about what's been going wrong and how you're going to fix it.

Most of us hate the idea of having to give up anything: We love our dinners out, our drive-thru on the way to work, our impulse purchases that come with that immediate gratification buzz.

Hey, if what you're doing isn't getting you to where you want to be, you're going to have to reconcile yourself to doing things differently.

Maybe you can't go out to eat a couple of times a week if you're determined to save a down payment.

Maybe not knowing what you're spending on entertainment isn't getting you any closer to being ready for a new baby.

Maybe those new clothes, new movies, new tchotchkes for the house aren't actually making you happy.

Deciding what you're going to focus on, taking charge of your money and doing the detail will produce a happier outcome than just doing what you've always done.

You're not the only one that's going to have to get used to your new priorities. If you've always been the go-to girl for partying or if you've been the guy who buys a round for the table, that's going to change. And you need to tell people what's changing if you want to have any hope of sticking with a new program.

I'm all for getting together with friends for a lovely meal in a wonderful restaurant. Or maybe you just want to treat the kids to fish and chips, pizza or chicken nuggets and fries on a Friday night. Hey, it's your money and you get to do whatever you want with it. But if your new plan severely restricts your eating out, you're going to have to tell your peeps.

If you have friends who are unwilling to accept your new priorities, you'll have to manage those friendships so that you're not tempted to swap your good intentions for good feelings. You won't be very successful at breaking a shopping habit if you're always hanging out with the chick or dude who loves to shop. Find something else to do together: See a movie, take up an activity you can share, start a project you're both interested in. Sometimes you may have to duck and hide for a little while until you get your new patterns established. It's like trying to quit smoking; you may have to skirt your smoking friends for a while until you're out of the danger zone.

FRIENDS

As for signalling to friends that things have changed, honesty is the best policy.

"I'm sorry, but I'm working on making myself financially stable and (whatever it is) just isn't going to work for me right now." Then offer an alternative. "Maybe instead we can take the kids for a picnic in the park."

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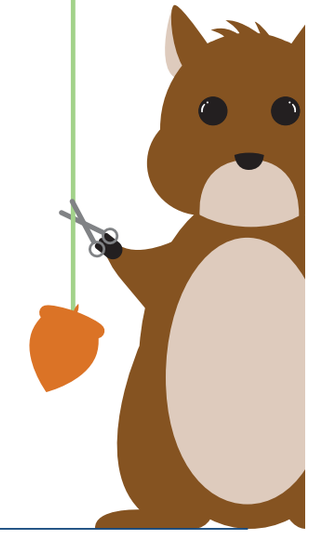

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KELLY CLARKSON

Anchor in deep ish over deep-dish dis

In one of the most elegant cities on Earth, France's Parliament moved last week to make it a crime to use anorexic models or encourage anorexia.

In the U.S., however, some still think it's OK to fat-shame women on national television. Yet another TV "personality" has decided to make an unsolicited comment on Kelly Clarkson's weight.

We realize a lot of stuff that comes out of Fox News is cynically designed to get reactions, like this one, but still. Chris Wallace decided to weigh in on the virtues and drawbacks of the singer — for some reason — offering, "Kelly Clarkson's got a lovely voice. She could stay off the deep-dish pizza for a while." Which is downright un-American, if you ask me.

Heck, Wallace even has his own turning against him, as Fox colleague Greta Van Susteren was so incensed she had to blog about it: "This 'guy snickering' about her weight is obnoxious," she wrote. "He should apologize."

In the meantime, I suddenly really, really want some deep-dish pizza. NED EHRBAR/ METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

TEEN ACTRESS

Bella Thorne says her sexiness is 'your problem'

Teen actress Bella Thorne isn't too worried about people finding her attractive even if she isn't actually a legal adult yet.

"People tell me I'm sexy and I'm like, 'Dawg, I'm just being me. If you find me sexy, that's your problem because you're looking at me like that,'" the 17-year-old tells Fox News. "I'm not trying to portray anything else than just me." So ... you're the creep, OK? NED EHRBAR

Unclassy spoiler could ruin Lifetime fun for all

DRAMA!

TV movie with Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig now in limbo

The fate of what could be the best Lifetime TV movie ever, featuring Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig, is unclear after the project's planned secrecy was spoiled.

The former Saturday Night Live stars made the ominously titled A Deadly Adoption, playing a couple who befriend a pregnant woman in hopes of adopting her child. Lifetime's movies, frequently melodramas about life and love that appeal to the network's primarily female audience, are a genre onto themselves and often ripe for parody.

"We are disappointed that our secret project with Will and Kristen was leaked and the network is determining the fate of the movie," said Michael Feeney, spokesman for Lifetime's corporate parent, A&E Networks, on Friday.

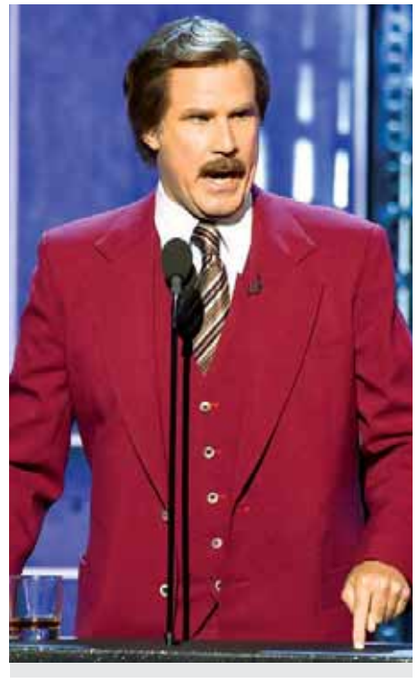
A spokesman for the actors' talent agency had no immediate comment on Lifetime's plans.

After word of the project got out, Ferrell issued a statement that he and Wiig had decided it was "in the best interest for everyone to forego the project entirely." Lifetime had said the movie was due to air this summer.

Ferrell's statement may be an empty threat: Stars generally don't have the ability to kill an filmed project, except in the unusual circumstance where they fully financed the production, said Jonathan Handel, an entertainment attorney for the Hollywood firm TroyGould. Even then, they could face a breach of contract lawsuit if the film had already been leased to a television network. In most cases, TV movies are financed jointly by a production company and the network itself, Handel said.

It's not known how long Lifetime and the stars planned to keep the secret. Typically, a cable network that lands two big Hollywood stars for a project gives potential viewers at least some advanced warning that it is coming.

If Ferrell and Wiig legitimately want to shelve A Deadly Adoption, it means months spent writing a screenplay, acting the scenes and editing the movie would go to waste. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A Lifetime spokesman says the network is deciding what to do with its Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig movie, A Deadly Adoption, after the project was leaked. GETTY IMAGES

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Ridding yourself of clutter can streamline your thinking. ISTOCK

Spring clean your office life

TIPS

The changing of the seasons is a great excuse to get organized

Lakshmi Gandhi
Metro in New York City

Spring feels like it is finally here, which means that in addition to getting ready for the soon-to-be sunny weather, now is also the perfect time to spruce up your office life.

"During the spring, people seem to get happier and enjoy the sunshine," says Tamara Kano Myles, an organizational expert and the author of The Secret to Peak Productivity: A Simple Guide to Reaching Your Personal Best.

"We are also at the end of the first quarter (of the year), so you still have the next nine months to make strides toward your goals."

Wondering where to get started? Myles offers these suggestions:

Sort through your files. "Are you keeping a lot of outdated paperwork?" Myles asks. "Go through your files and get rid of what's no longer relevant."

She adds that this bit of cleaning may bring you luck in the future. "From a feng shui perspective, it's good to have empty space in your cabinet to attract new clients."

Rid yourself of clutter. "Most people who have piles of paper on their desks will try to sort them but will quickly lose track," Myles notes.

Instead, she suggests making use of her "3 to's" system for every document that comes your way. "I call them 'to do,' 'to file' and 'to toss.' If you start by making those three files, everything will move a lot more quickly."

Check your email less. "A lot of executives receive up to 300 emails a day, and they are just buried," Myles says.

"Don't use your inbox as a secondary to-do list. I suggest only accessing your email at specific times each day — for example, once in the morning, once at lunch, then mid-afternoon and at the end of the day."

Manage your time better. Are you spending a lot of time on things that aren't meaningful to you or your work? Myles says that it's time to assess your current projects and think about how you are balancing your personal life. "Spring is a good time to think about priorities and time management," says Myles. "Start planning everything you want to do and focus on your priorities."

OFFICE RELATIONS

With group gifts, sometimes it's OK to opt out

Eleni Deacon

Don't let co-workers determine how you spend your dough. ISTOCK

Things you can buy with $50: dinner for two, a new sweater, several trips to the movies. Things you should not have to buy with $50: the approval of your co-workers.

That's how much a reader who recently started a new job was asked to pitch in for a retirement gift for a colleague. In this case, it's best to calculate her response based on the firmness of the request. Did the donation seem optional?

If so, opting out is a reasonable response. It's unfair to expect new recruits to pony up gifts for outgoing vets. Instead of signing a cheque, she should just sign the card. Then spend $50 on new shoes for spring.

If the ask was, in fact, a demand, the best approach is to make the dismissal friendly but frank. This response would be justified: She just started at the company, and has no connection to the retiree. As long as she explains that in the future, she would be happy to pitch in for recipients with whom a relationship has been built. Candour may surprise some group-gift sticklers. But at least she gets to keep the cash.

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FINAL SEASON

Canadian writer says goodbye to Mad Men

Mad Men creator Matthew Weiner has long known how he wanted to wrap up his iconic AMC drama.

Nevertheless, actually nailing down that plan was not easy, says Calgary-raised writer Semi Chellas. "He really knew where he wanted to go and where he was leading us. And so that helped us get there. But it was very difficult," Chellas says in an interview from Los Angeles.

How are you feeling?
I've always felt spectacularly lucky to have ended up on what was by far my favourite show of all time, because I came on for Season 5 and I was a crazed fan ... and now I feel really lucky because it's been six months since we finished, more — we finished last July — and I drive around and I see the billboards and it feels like a dream that I was part of it.

And the ending is satisfying for you?
Very satisfying for me. I was running the writers' room for these last few (episodes) and so it was a change, because the same people had been in the room for all six seasons previously and then they left to pursue pilots of their own.... Also being from Canada, I had done lots of six- and seven-episode series — it's so much more common in Canada and I really loved that, I love that length.

How much influence did you have over the ending?
Even though it was sort of headed toward a moment, there were a million paths there and there were a million nuances and we had to finish all the different threads of the story. Everyone made a lot of contributions, and there was a lot of arguing, as you can imagine.

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VIDEO GAME

Mario Party 10

• Nintendo Wii U
• Rating: Everyone
There's a surprising number of casino games in this family-driven board game where up to five players compete in mini-games at the roll of a dice. Roulette wheels, one-armed bandits and slots are less interesting compared to fiery hamster wheels and pinball machines. That one player can rampage as Bowser, destroying everything, is easily the best source of fun.

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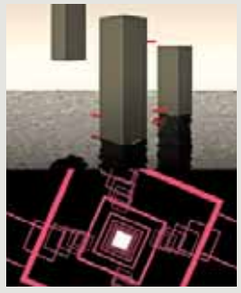

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Cristiano Ronaldo scored five goals in Real Madrid's 9-1 rout of Granada
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Canada regains medal mojo

CURLING

Simmons rink back to usual form to claim world bronze

Canada lead Nolan Thiessen remembers how it felt to make the long journey home from last year's world men's curling championship after missing the podium.

He didn't want a repeat performance this year. Skip Pat Simmons and the rest of the Canadian team made sure they got some hardware this time around.

Canada bounced back from an ugly semifinal loss to beat Finland's Aku Kauste 8-4 in the bronze-medal game Sunday morning in Halifax.

"We wanted to be playing (for gold) this afternoon," Thiessen said. "So it still stings from last night. But you don't want to go home empty-handed. Last year, we stood out there at the closing ceremonies while everybody else walked up on the podium. That's the biggest kick in the head there is.

"We found a way and we medalled and we can be proud of that."

The Canadians posted a 10-1 round-robin record before falling to 2014 champion Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in the Page playoff 1-2 game on Friday. They followed that defeat with their worst showing of the tournament in a loss to Sweden's Niklas Edin on Saturday night.

Edin went on to defeat Ulsrud 9-5 in the gold-medal game Sunday afternoon for his second world title in three years. The Swedish rink had a mediocre start to the tournament but finished strong.

"We focused on our game strategy, opening up the ice, and we picked it up so that we could make the playoffs," Edin said.

Simmons, meanwhile, showed his form had returned in the first end against Finland by nailing a draw to the four-foot for a single. He also delivered a nice hit and roll in the second end to set up a steal and Canada was on its way.

"Nice to play like we had all week again," Simmons said. "We lost this game a year ago and that really didn't feel good. So we wanted to pull together and fight hard today."

Simmons, Thiessen and second Carter Rycroft teamed with Kevin Koe at last year's event in Beijing. They made the playoffs but fell to Switzerland in the third-place game.

Koe had told the team before the competition that he would be moving on with a new team at the end of the season. The fourth-place result was a big disappointment but not entirely unexpected.

"It was the worst flight (home) ever," Thiessen recalled. "I mean it was like an 18-hour flight of hell. But this year we came out and we found a way."

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Canada skip Pat Simmons, right, and third John Morris discuss a shot in the world men's curling championship bronze-medal game vs. Finland on Sunday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

We felt really strong going into the playoffs and obviously we didn't make many mistakes

Sweden's Niklas Edin, world curling champion

NHL IN BRIEF

Canadiens 4, Panthers 1

Carey Price stopped 24 shots to pick up his league-leading 42nd win and the Montreal Canadiens beat the Panthers leaving Florida stranded on 87 points with two games left.

Flyers 4, Penguins 1

Steve Mason made 46 saves, and the Flyers scored on 3 of 4 power-play opportunities to defeat Pittsburgh.

The Penguins (42-26-11, 95 points) have dropped 10 of their last 13 games and suddenly face the prospect of playing for a post-season spot Tuesday in Ottawa.

Capitals 2, Red Wings 1

Mike Green had a goal and an assist, and the Washington Capitals beat Detroit, putting the Red Wings in an anxious spot.

Detroit remained tied with Boston for third place in the Atlantic Division.

Blues 2, Blackhawks 1

Olli Jokinen and David Backes scored in the second period as the St. Louis Blues beat the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 on Sunday night for their third straight win, to move into first place in the Central Division.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke, Wisconsin the final teams standing

Duke languished in the shadows of Kentucky all season, the big blue juggernaut that nobody seemed to be talking about. It was a rarity for a program with such a championship pedigree, not to mention a record-setting coach and superstar freshmen.

They can thank Wisconsin for finally returning to the limelight.

The fun-loving Badgers ended the Wildcats' pursuit of perfection in the national semifinals, and set up an intriguing showdown in Monday night's title game: Duke trying to give Mike Krzyzewski his fifth national championship, Wisconsin trying to capture its first in 74 years.

The Blue Devils (34-4) have run roughshod through the NCAA Tournament, relying on suffocating defence and game-changing freshman Jahlil Okafor to shut down opponents. They're allowing just 55 points per game, one of the finest defensive performances in tournament history. Meanwhile, Wisconsin (36-3) becomes just the fourth team to have faced the highest possible seed in every game on the way to the championship since the field expanded to 64 in 1985.

> **There aren't any shadows anymore.**
> Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski alluding to the attention paid to Kentucky

Two of those lost in the title game. None had to face another No. 1 seed.

"They know they have a chance to make a mark in history. They understand that," Badgers coach Bo Ryan said Sunday. "But they're enjoying it while they do it, and that's important, too." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before he has played a single game that counts for the Toronto Blue Jays, Russell Martin could already be the best catcher in the team's 38-year history. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Spotlight on Martin all season long

Dave Langford
For Metro

Russell Martin. Period. Paragraph. End of story.

But wait: the journey has not even begun.

The story of the Toronto Blue Jays this season is now and will be all year long Russell Martin.

The Toronto-born, Montreal-raised catcher signed a five-year, $82-million US contract in the off-season and the 2015 fortunes of the Blue Jays are attached squarely to his 32-year-old hips.

Without playing a single game that counts for the playoff-starved Blue Jays, he is already the best catcher in the team's 38-year history.

That first game takes place today in New York, of all places, as the Blue Jays open against the Yankees on the second day of the 2015 Major League Baseball season.

Martin, who played the past two seasons in Pittsburgh and was once a Yankee and a Dodger, believes the Blue Jays will end their 22-year-playoff drought in 2015.

"I think the city of Toronto deserves it. I think Canada deserves it," Martin stated proudly in a weekend TV interview in Montreal, where the Blue Jays played their final two pre-season games.

Yes, the bilingual, charming Martin is exactly what the organization needs, a player who can carry the team on his back.

He can hit, he can field, he can catch, he can throw, he can lead. He has been in the playoffs seven times in the past nine seasons.

His smile is infectious, his words meaningful.

"It's starting to feel like a family here," Martin said only hours after watching his family idol, his father Russell Sr., play the U.S. and Canadian national anthems on his saxophone at Olympic Stadium.

Martin admitted in the same interview that one of the major reasons he signed with Toronto was the fact his father could watch him play 81 regular-season games in the Rogers Centre.

"Hopefully, he'll get to see some games in October as well," Martin said, making a not-so-subtle reference to the World Series.

And that, Toronto, is where and when the story will end.

TRIVIA

5 things you need to know about Russell Martin:

1. His full name is Russell Nathan Jeanson Coltrane Martin Jr. Jeanson is his mother's maiden name; Coltrane is John Coltrane, the U.S. jazz saxophonist.

2. He changed the name printed on his jersey for the 2009 season to J. Martin, in honour of his mother.

3. His father played the sax in the Montreal subway stations to raise money for his son's baseball "education."

4. Martin's contract is the second-biggest contract ever for the Blue Jays, trailing only the seven-year, $126-million deal given to Vernon Wells.

5. With the two weekend games in Montreal, he took the subway and then walked to the park, rather than riding the team bus.

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2. Meanwhile puree parsley, feta, garlic, pepper, oil and water in a small food processor until smooth. Add more water if too thick.

3. Pour over top gnocchi and garnish with toasted almonds.

Ingredients

- 350 gm potato gnocchi – (about 1 ¾ cup uncooked)
- ¾ cup flat leaf parsley leaves
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 small garlic clove
- Dash of coarse black pepper
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp water
- ¼ cup sliced toasted almonds

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 287
- Carbohydrates 31g
- Fibre 1.6g
- Protein 7.6g
- Fat 15.5g
- Saturated Fat 2.7g
- Cholesterol 3.3mg
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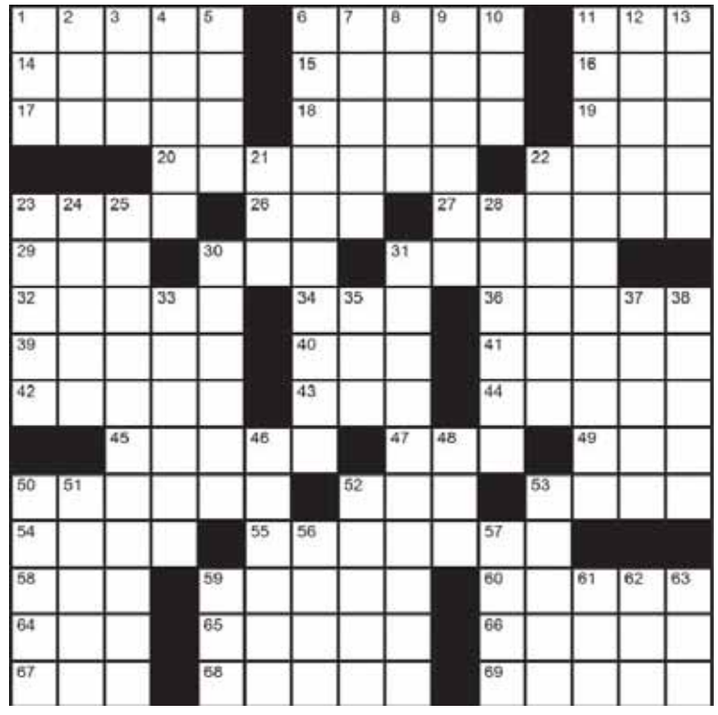

ACROSS

1. Springtime's chocolate star
6. Fisherman's count
11. US health-related agcy.
14. Prefix relating to 'Bones'
15. Additional
16. Cleaning cloth
17. "My guess would be...": 2 wds.
18. Sea swallows
19. Ms. Gabor
20. "Jesus Christ Superstar" (1973) character, __ Pilate
22. Modify
23. Thompson Twins tune
26. Long time
27. Flowery
29. Wood sorrel
30. Triumphed
31. Easter basket's fake fluff
32. Seed's outer layer of protection
34. Spiritual 'way'
36. Badlands formation
39. Ballet outfits
40. Year: Spanish
41. Grizzlies
42. Classical Music: Canadian __ Company
43. Polit. designation
44. Manner of speaking
45. Aussie actress Ms. Wilson
47. "__ chance!"
49. Pathway [abbr.]
50. Reveal, as a portrait painting
52. __ Lanka
53. Discounted
54. Wreck
55. Spiny ant-eating mammal that looks like a hedgehog
58. Beatles: "__ Follow the Sun"
59. Egg-shaped
60. Make amends
64. Beatles: "__ You Need Is Love"
65. Ms. Messing
66. Blood of ancient Greek gods
67. Gardening tool
68. Laud to the heavens
69. US state, __ Island

DOWN

1. Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er __"
2. Amer. currency
3. Days opp.
4. Types of tides
5. Retro toy
6. "Here Comes Peter __" (TV special of 1971)
7. Didn't go to the restaurant afterall: 2 wds.
8. Drive-__ (Fast food service)
9. Use the 'bleep' button as a TV show employee
10. Clock's li'l time segments
11. Judy Garland's co-star in "Easter Parade" (1948): 2 wds.
12. Lifeboat lowering crane
13. Quartz variety
21. Paleo opposite
22. Happened as a result
23. Game of chance for a chance to win millions
24. Get frosty: 2 wds.
25. Community in Manitoba that #6-Down would like!
28. __ Lake (Saskatchewan village northwest of Saskatoon)
30. Sushi condiment
31. Pre-Egg Hunt day holiday: 2 wds.
33. Stew dish
35. Ms. Jillian
37. Horse speeds
38. Namesakes of Carlisle Cullen's wife in 'Twilight' movies
46. Onze: English
48. Assistance
50. British band, __ Heep
51. Void, in Venice
52. Avoid duties
53. Gate fastener
56. Corny places
57. Depilatory brand
59. Lyric poem
61. "Well, now!"
62. Assenting sign
63. Earlier than now, in verse

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your confidence is at an all-time high. Your capabilities may be immense but make sure you focus on aims that are worth investing your time and energy in.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The less others know about your aims and ambitions this week the better, especially if you are working towards a goal that is likely to make others jealous if you succeed – and you will.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Take the initiative in group and social activities over the next 24 hours. Not only will you will be immensely popular but you will also meet people who transform your outlook on life.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you want to impress employers and other important people then now is the time. Don't hide yourself away: show them — and the world in general — what you are capable of.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
With the Sun and Uranus very much on your side there is nothing you cannot do and nothing you cannot possess. But try not to be too domineering or you could make an enemy of someone that would make a more sensible friend.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Look in the mirror and be honest about what you see. If you can do that today then you will put yourself at an advantage when dealing with people who are not so honest about their own faults and failings.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't do what other people expect you to do — do what appeals to you, for whatever reason. If you let partners and colleagues dictate terms they will, and you can be sure they won't be as favourable.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The planets warn you are working too hard and need to change your attitude to your chores, duties and responsibilities. The fact is you will be no good to anyone if you work yourself into the ground. Lighten up.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Start something new and don't worry too much about planning ahead. Today's cosmic influences urge you to think and act as if you cannot possibly fail — and you won't.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will have to deal with some annoying people today but getting angry won't make things any easier. Yes, of course, it's a pain when others act slowly or stupidly but not everyone can be as switched on as you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are in one of your generous moods at the moment, but make sure it is only those who deserve your largesse who get it. Hangers-on will happily enjoy themselves at your expense.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You don't have to ask permission to make the changes you need but you do have to accept that not everyone will be happy with them.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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